

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

People Are Entitled

to Vote on Any Sales

Tax Increase

THE ONLY possible explanation of the Arkansas Senate's action yesterday in passing SB400 to increase the state sales tax from 2 per cent to 3 per cent is that an overmanned and underpaid legislature simply isn't able to resist pressure groups and give the common people an honest shake.

The gross sales tax, covering absolute necessities such as meat and bread and milk, lays a uniform burden on rich and poor that is contrary to our democratic belief that people should be taxed according to their ability to pay.

Emergencies create exceptions to any rule, of course. There was a genuine emergency after the 1929-33 depression when the normal tax resources of the state were depleted, property values being virtually non-existent and corporate and personal income cut to the bone. At that time The Star advocated passage of the Hall 2 per cent sales tax, the present law — and we were justified. There was no alternative. The public schools were on the verge of total suspension.

But there is no emergency in 1951. We have large tax revenues. The statewide school crowd have simply overspent their funds with the cynical intent of forcing the legislature to cover the hot check. And the welfare department is reported loaded with undeserving persons living off the expanded tax structure.

Even so, it is this writer's opinion that additional revenue is needed by the state. But this doesn't constitute an emergency. It doesn't justify increasing the direct tax upon meat and bread and milk. There are alternatives that a clear-thinking and fair-minded state would turn to long before even considering a sales tax increase.

If more money is needed from traditional sources this would be the time for property and income to carry part of the load. They were spared back in the 1930s when sales tax legislation plugged the hole in the state's leaking dyke.

But not even property and income need to be disturbed. The same amount of money expected to be raised annually by a 1 per cent increase in the state sales tax — between 10 and 12 million dollars — could be obtained painlessly if Arkansas were to do no more than has already been done by Alabama, North Carolina and Virginia, in the South, and the largest states of the North. That is: Seize the liquor business and set up a state-wide dispensary system with both profit and taxes reverting to the state treasury.

Much is made of the fact that Arkansas has to maintain adequate state public services — schools, welfare, etc. And that is true. But by the same token we have to utilize the tax sources which those states use whose other progressive ideas we admire and propose to follow.

How does it set with your conscience to consider today's proposal to increase the poor man's tax on meat and bread and milk while the same amount of total tax could be obtained simply by declaring the liquor business a public monopoly?

The proposed sales tax increase will be fought to the last ditch. If it passes the legislature and Governor McMath should be so unwise as to sign it into law it will be referred to the people — and I believe the people will beat it. I will help beat it with every power at my disposal, believe me.

Business men are thinking of the fact that a 3 per cent Arkansas sales tax would find Hope only 34 miles from tax-free Texas. This is a practical consideration, of course. But many of the cities of Arkansas are virtually border towns. They are in a position similar to ours. But this "practical consideration" didn't stop The Star from advocating the 2 per cent sales tax 15 years ago — when we had to have it. Today we don't have to have it. And that's the truth — the whole truth.

Local Soldier Wounded in Action

Pfc. Raymond C. Powell, 24th Infantry Division, son of A. E. Powell, Route 2, Hope, has arrived at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he is undergoing treatment at Brooke Army Hospital for wounds inflicted by the enemy in Korea on December 2.

Clow Schools to Hold Annual Dramatic Meet

The Eagle Dramatic club of Clow Training School will sponsor its Annual Invitational Dramatic Tournament, in the school auditorium March 8, at 7:15 p. m.

A trophy will be given the school presenting the best One-Act play.

The following schools have been invited:

Yerger High School, Hope; Sevier County Training School, Lockhart; Lincoln High School, Washington; Elkins Training School, Elkins.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Partly cloudy afternoon, tonight. Friday, light rain, drizzle in southwest. Saturday, cooler in east south tonight.

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Ted Jones One of Three Heidt Show Finalists

James Rankin, talent scout who last night completed auditions for the Horace Heidt show to play here March 15, announced the three winners today. They are:

Tad Warren Jones, baritone, 1332 S. Main, Hope.
Ike Raymond, Lacefield, piano, 218 N. Jackson, El Dorado.
Ben Bernle Mann, trumpet, Saxon Apartments, Camden, Ark.

The winners will appear on the Heidt program in Hope's Coliseum. Although not promised, there is a possible chance that one of the three may be selected to appear on Mr. Heidt's Sunday night broadcast, depending entirely on what the famed orchestra leader thinks of their talent.

The selection was made from more than 50 acts in the two night audition. Competing last night were:

Martin Cathey, 18, piano, Prescott.
James Brown, 20, vocalist, Prescott.

Stoney Stonequist, Winfred Huckabee, Junior Williams, Mac Langston, inst. quartet, Hope.

Dorothy Owens, 25, soprano, Texarkana.
Mary Gerber, vocalist, Texarkana.

Carolyn Smith, 18, vocalist, Texarkana.
A. W. Keith, 39, baritone, Stamps.

George Peters, 16, piano, Texarkana.
K. Miller, baritone, Texarkana.
Horner Jones, 27, Baritone, Hope.
Susan Reiselt, 16, Marita Prince, 17, lap duct, Camden.

Thalia Chism, 17, vocalist, Hope.
Bon Smith, 33, Baritone, Magnolia.
Shirley Hervey, 29, soprano, Hope.

Jim Edwards, 18, baritone, Hope.
Virginia Nowell, 17, piano, Nashville.

Glen Pinnell, 27, baritone, Magnolia.
Pat Hughes, 17, Jerry Hargis, 15, vocal duet, Fulton.

Ann Olive, 16, soprano, Magnolia.

Rodney Williams, Charles Maddox, Pete Swilley, Darrell Burrow, western band, El Dorado.
Donald McQueen, 16, baritone, Route 2, Hope.

Jimmy Jones, 14, western, Arkadelphia.

Morine Vines, Lyn Russell, Emma Lou Martin, trio, Emmet.
Willis Nan May, Shirley Whitten, piano duet, Rosston.

Ted W. Jones, 20, baritone, Hope.

Final Rites for Joel M. Simms, Held Friday

Funeral services for Joel M. Simms, aged 77, who died at his home here yesterday afternoon, were held at 10:30 a. m. Friday at the Hope Gospel Tabernacle with the H. Paul Holdridge, officiating.

Burial was in Bright Star.

He is survived by three sons, W. H. of Minden, La., H. M. of Magnolia and A. J. Simms of New Weaverly, Texas, two daughters, Mrs. W. D. Hinson of Haynesville, La., and Mrs. Wesley Barton of Hope, two brothers B. H. Simms of Minden, La., and W. D. Simms of Waldo.

Services for Hugh Jones Held Today

Funeral services for Hugh (Sonny) Jones, 49, former Hope merchant who died at his home in Texarkana Wednesday night, were to be held at Texarkana at 3:30 p. m. today.

Mr. Jones, a native of Hope, operated an auto parts business here from 1933 to 1942.

Active pallbearers: Hugh Harkrider, Omer Williams, Homer Robertson, Morris Stiff, Henry Haynes, Ed Thrash, W. B. Mason and Jess Davis.

Aged Negro Has Attack on Street

An aged negro man suffered an attack on the Postoffice corner about 9 a. m. today and city officers put him in jail where he is undergoing treatment by the city health physician, Dr. Walter Sims.

He was unable to talk and seemed to be paralyzed. Officers didn't know where he lived.

Herndon Attends Furniture Meet

R. V. Herndon, a member of the state board of the Arkansas Furniture Association, attended a meeting of the board yesterday at Little Rock. The group met with Office of Price Stabilization officials from Washington about the government's program and how it would affect furniture men. He was accompanied by B. V. Herndon, Jr.



—Shipley Studio Photo

Actual work on the new \$75,000 Meyer's Bakery began last month with ground breaking ceremonies. The new bakery is being built on U. S. Highway 67, between the overpass and Arka Court. Completion is expected within 90 days.

Pictured at the groundbreaking, reading left to right, Claud Lauterback, O. E. Gaiser, Little Rock; Claud Tillary, Chester Hunt, Charles Meyer, president of the statewide bakery system, Frank McLarty and Mike Kelly.

Photo

Demonstrations on Electricity Planned Here

A series of demonstrations on the uses of electricity will be given at the Spring Council of all home demonstration club members to be held in the city hall auditorium Thursday, March 8, from 10 a. m. until 2:30 p. m. according to Lorraine Blackwood, home demonstration agent.

A. H. Gray, head Rural Development Department Southwestern Gas & Electric Co., Shreveport, will give a demonstration on adequate wiring. Carroll Andrews also with Southwestern Gas and Electric Co., Shreveport, will show the effects of low voltage on appliances and O. B. Pullen, DeQueen will discuss cost of electricity showing what one kilowatt hour will do.

Rev. S. A. Whitlow, pastor, First Baptist church of Hope, will conduct the devotional preceding a short business meeting. Mrs. B. J. Warnen, county council president, will be in charge of the meeting.

Cain Urges Drafting Youths of 18

Washington, March 2 — (AP)— Senator Cain (R-Wash.) urged Congress today to approve a draft of 18-year-olds because "we need every man we can get in Korea."

Cain, an army volunteer in World War II, hinged his appeal for support of the pending universal military training bill to a blistering criticism of amendments proposed by Senator Morse (R-Ore.).

"How impractical and how unrealistic can we become in our efforts to sugar-coat this bill — to evade the issues?" Cain asked in a speech prepared for senate delivery.

"I am hopeful that this legislation will be enacted and that it will not be circumscribed or crippled by amendments of the type recommended by (Morse)," Cain said.

One of the amendments sought by Morse would make 18-1/2 the minimum age for inductions. Four days of debate over this and other proposals backed by the Oregon Republican have delayed a senate decision as to when voting on the bill will begin.

"Tis represents the combined efforts of a great number of people from practically every responsible segment of our government and of our public life," Cain said.

Morse urged that a manpower ceiling of 3,000,000 or 3,100,000 be placed on the armed forces instead of 3,462,205, which the Pentagon gives as its goal. He said congress could raise or lower the ceiling later.

Cain's proposal would put military planning on "such a hit-or-miss, day-to-day basis" that it would be impossible to build up "anything as complicated as a navy, an air force, a marine corps, or an army."

Morse had accused all the military forces of inefficiency and a large waste of manpower and dollars. Cain said some of this was true but "we are not wasting any manpower in Korea."

The program covered by the senate bill, he added, would get younger men into training so that Korean veterans could be returned here in six months on a year.

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Vehicle Damaged in Minor Wreck

Vehicles driven by Bill Rounton and Fred Camp collided at Elm and Division streets yesterday afternoon. Rounton's vehicle was considerably damaged while the city truck driven by Mr. Camp was not damaged. City police investigated.

Senate Votes Sales Tax Increase, House Favors Boost in Cigarette Taxes

Little Rock, March 2 — (AP)— The Arkansas senate yesterday voted, 30-19, to increase the state sales tax by one per cent, mainly for benefit of public schools.

The action came a few hours after another bill to effect the same increase. The first bill would have set up a different distribution formula, although most of the money also would have gone to the schools.

The other bill (SB447) would levy the additional tax to June 30, 1952 and would give all the revenue to public schools.

State fiscal officers have estimated that a one per cent sales tax hike would amount to \$1,000,000 a month in additional revenue.

However, Sen. Lee Bearden of Leachville said he would seek to have the "vote" by which the emergency clause was defeated expunged so it could be voted on again. He succeeded in delaying transmittal of the bill to the house for this purpose.

As passed, senate bill 400 would increase the present two per cent sales tax to three per cent on the dollar beginning July 1951. It would expire Dec. 31, 1952, and the tax would revert to two per cent.

A delay in the effective date means that the measure could be referred by petition to a popular vote at a special election.

Shortly before yesterday's prolonged session ended, Sen. James P. Baker Jr. of West Helena, and others introduced two other bills for a one per cent sales tax boost.

One bill (SB448) would be effective immediately.

Both bills would appropriate money for such a school at the University of Arkansas. The senate last week amended the bill to place the school at Teachers college. Yes.

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Contributions to Red Cross Total \$63.50

The annual American Red Cross drive is underway in Hempstead county and the first contributions total more than \$80. Donations follow:

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Ambrose, Hope \$ 5.00
Washington Donations:

Mrs. Mattie T. Wilson 15.00

Mrs. Nannie Butler 10.00

Mrs. Sallie G. Dugger 10.00

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Etter 5.00

J. L. Sturt 2.50

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomason 2.00

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Saulifer 1.00

Dudney 2.00

M. A. Hulsey 1.00

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Johnson 1.00

Norwood 1.00

Hamilton 1.00

Miss Kathleen Johnson 1.00

Miss Mary Catts 1.00

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Porterfield 1.00

Mrs. P. T. Belk 1.00

SOCIETY

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Calendar

Mondays, March 5
The Springhill P. T. A. will meet at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Paisley Girl Scout Troop 6

TUESDAYS — 11:45 P. M.
The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer. Mary Ann Hall, president, conducted the business meeting. Betty Jane Powell read the minutes of the last meeting. The group discussed plans for preparing an Easter basket for the needy, and continued their project of painting figurines.

Judy Percell was hostess. The meeting was closed with the Girl Scout Promise.

**Pat Cleburne Chapter
Meets With Mrs. Williams**

Pat Cleburne Chapter of UDC met Thursday, March 1 at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Alvah S. Williams. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Herbert Lewallen, Mrs. W. W. Buckett, Mrs. D. H. Lipscomb and Mrs. Fred Cook.

Mrs. C. B. Lowthorp, president, presided over the business session and Mrs. Our Haynes led the salute to the Confederate flag and pledge of allegiance to the U. S. flag. The ritual was repeated after which the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. A report from the treasurer was given.

Mrs. J. W. Branch, program chairman, presented Mrs. A. E. Blasner who spoke on "Highways."

A lovely arrangement of blue violets graced the coffee table and a huge bouquet of purple stock and greenery was placed at the stairway landing.

A delectable plate carrying out the St. Patrick Day motif was served to members and two guests. Mrs. L. T. Lawrence and Mrs. Matthews. Favors were St. Patrick Day emblems.

Bridal Shower
Bride-Elect is
Complimented
With Shower

Miss Penny Sullivan, bride-elect of Harold M. Stephens of Blevins, was complimented with a bridal shower Thursday afternoon given by Mrs. W. O. Beene in her home at 909 South Main.

Lovely arrangements of mixed flowers were placed at various points in the reception room. The dining table, overlaid with a cut-work cloth, held as its centerpiece an artful arrangement of white snapdragons in a low silver bowl. Small green candelabra in silver holders were placed at either end. Mrs. P. C. Stephens and Mrs. Herbert Stephens assisted in serving green individual cakes embossed with yellow roses and coffee to 20 guests. The honoree was presented a cartage of white ranunculus and a gift

**ONE NAME changed
buying habit of millions**
St. Joseph Aspirin
WORLD'S FAMOUS MEDICINE

Fear Grows for Missing Family

Lubbock, Tex., March 2 — (UPI)
Fears grew today that a west Texas family missing for a week may have met a fate similar to that which befell an Illinois family murdered by badman Billy Cook.

Highway Patrol Sgt. E. I. Stroud said there had been no word of Harold C. Taylor, his wife and three children since Feb. 21, when Taylor sent a telegram from Texarkana, Tex., asking his father to send him money.

The Taylors, residents of Peterburg, Tex., in Hale county, had been on a trip to Little Rock, Ark., to visit Taylor's uncle, W. W. Thompson. The wife explained they had been delayed by automobile trouble.

C. F. Taylor, father of the missing man, was described as "frantic" over his son's disappearance. He said he knew of no friends or relatives which the family might have stopped to visit en route from Texarkana to Peterburg.

Officers compered the family to the home of the Carl Mosser family, while he disappeared on trip between their home at Atwood, Ill., and Albuquerque, N. M., where they were to visit Mosser's brother.

A search throughout the west for Missouri ex-convict Billy Cook began after the Mosser's bloodstained car was found near Tulsa.

Two weeks later, bodies of the Moessers were found in an abandoned mine shaft in Missouri, and Cook was arrested in Mexico. He is being held pending trial on kidnapping charges of Oklahoma City.

Cook admitted murdering the family in a statement following his arrest.

of crystal in her chosen pattern.

Coming and Going

Mrs. E. L. Hayden of New Orleans is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stephens of Blevins.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bruce left today to make their new home in Houston, Texas. Mr. Bruce has accepted a position with the Texaco Country Club there.

Hospital Notes

Branch
Admitted
Mrs. Myrtle Bowden Rte. 1 Hope,
Mrs. A. E. Carlton Lewisville, Mrs.
Joe Both Hope, Mrs. Graydon Anthony Hope.

Josephine
Admitted
Mrs. W. G. Powell, Hope, Rt. 1,
Mr. H. W. McCollum, Patmos, Mrs.
C. R. Carlton, Simmett, Rt. 1, Mrs.
Chamblee, Hope, Rt. 4, Mr. and
Mrs. W. G. Powell announce the
arrival of a daughter, March 1, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Chamblee un-
announced the arrival of a son on

March 1.

Discharged
Mrs. M. E. Tate, Washington,
Mrs. Edward Moran, Hope, Master
James Leonard Patton, Washington,
Mrs. H. H. Tippit, Hope and baby
boy, Mrs. C. M. Wilkes, Hope, Mrs.
Aldon Fielding and baby boy
McKissick.

Answer: The thing to be done is to say no more to the mother, but for the young man to take his girl by the hand and step around to the person and get married forthwith.

Of course, there will be a pretty scene. The mother will rage and have hysterics. She will accuse her son of ingratitude and tell him how much she has done for him and that he has rewarded her by breaking her heart, and so on and so on. Probably she will tell him that he has killed her and that she is going to die, but she won't.

In a little while the storm will blow over. She will dry her eyes and accept the situation, since she cannot change it, and by the

The Gold Mannequin

By Myles Connolly

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are too, and we'd better sell out quick for the best price we can get."

"But she's alive. She's much too vigorous and healthy to die on us like this. She has many years ahead of her, I'm sure."

Jean shrugged. "There are things like automobile collisions and falling down stairs and rejected suitors with shotguns, even among peasants, my love."

"Please, sweetie," Mr. Panciera shrugged. "Things like that don't happen to careers like ours. The lady is alive, I promise you. Call it my intuition, if you wish."

"If she's alive, then I'm going to find her!" Jean quickly deservingly got to her feet. "Have you a huge colored envelope? Red? Yellow? Blue? Any bright color will do."

Mr. Panciera's secretary produced a large, bright yellow envelope.

"I'll tell you about your intuition in a day or two," Jean said.

Quickly, while Mr. Panciera stared, she left the office.

THE days continued to pass. From Cedarbrook came only silence, complete and profound. Paul Panciera postponed his trip to Europe and began to live with bread by his side.

His exuberant belief in his destiny was shaken, the sunny present grew mated, and he caught himself casting furtive looks toward a chill and empty future.

"She will write, she has to," he assured Jean Roland trying to assure himself. "It is in the necessity of things, in the inevitability of things."

At first, Jean did not trouble herself over Teressa's detection. The shop was busy. The cutters cut, the filters fitted, the seamstresses sewed, the models modeled, and the customers bought. Everything was as it had been and was meant to be.

Then one early October afternoon she discovered the backlog of sketches was exhausted. There were no new designs to project, no new fashions to proclaim. Immediately Jean set down and looked at Mr. Panciera and reality straight in the face. No idle hope or faith, no further waiting for her.

The young clerk in the general store was setting jugs of cider out on the front platform for sale. And a gray and stooped postman, his bag swung from his shoulder, came around from the back of the wall and was gaping at her like bullfrogs.

(To Be Continued)

small, red brick postoffice on his way with his first delivery.

The postman, as he reached the sidewalk, stopped to squint at a jade-green, expensive convertible shinning at the curb. He blinks, shook his head in disapproval of this alien splendor and continued on his way.

In the car Jean sat behind the wheel, her hatless fair head above her deep brown, dark-brindled mane coat looking as alien in the rustic morning as the gleaming, jade-green convertible. Her eyes were intent on the front door of the postoffice.

The few who were going in and out of the postoffice were simple, down-to-earth country people. It was obvious no one of them could have been the genius whom Jean knew as Teressa.

TIME passed. The morning activity in the postoffice ceased. The eager early sunlight was now relaxed and tranquil. Two young farm hands in overalls and jumpers had discovered Jean and had taken a place against the postoffice wall and were gaping at her like bullfrogs.

A leather-jacketed motorcycle policeman who had stopped to stare at her earlier was now driving slowly up and down the street, eyeing her suspiciously. Jean grew uncomfortable. Manhattan seemed far away, and farther away with each passing minute.

The stares were not what made her uncomfortable. As a model she was used to that. But the farmhands and the motorcycle policeman made her feel as conspicuous as a circus freak. But she had a job to do.

Then, abruptly, Jean sat up. The farm hands and the policeman were forgotten. Down the steps from the postoffice came a young girl of hardly seventeen. She wore blue jeans and loafers and a plaid jacket with a red scarf loosely knotted at her neck. Her dark hair was in two pigtails, tied with two rubber bands. Her face was full and healthy and still brown from summer. She was obviously a country girl, at ease and at home in the town square. Under her arm, she carried a large yellow envelope.

DOROTHY DIX

25 Years Ago

Today

From Files of Star of Hope

March 2, 1926

Hope Chamber of Commerce Fair Committee met yesterday and discussed plans for making the Fair next fall the greatest in history.

Miss Lulu Allen presented a St. Patrick's Day program at the B. & W. Club last night. Guests were Misses Justine Moore, Gwendolyn Dean, Evelyn Murph and Frances Lipscomb.

Mrs. C. R. Pugh of Monticello is visiting in the home of Dr. Ettie E. Champlain.

"Down Upon the Swanne River" featuring Mary Thurman and Charles Emmet Mach is showing at the New Grand Theatre. Admission is children, 10 cents, adults, 30 cents.

APPOINTED

Little Rock, March 2 — (AP) — Governor McMath yesterday nominated Russell Owen of Marked Tree for membership on the board of trustees of Arkansas State College, Jonesboro.

A previous nomination of Guy French of Weiner for the position has been rejected by the Arkansas senate.

Federal and state laws fix the bushel unit of dry measure at 2150.42 cubic inches.

The third proposal would permit cities of the first and second class to issue revenue bonds to pay for facilities for lease to new industries.

Dollar for Dollar

you can't beat a

Senate Votes

Continued from Page One

terday the senate removed the amendment and then passed another bill (SB357) authorizing the university to establish the pharmacy school.

Introduction included a bill to make it a felony offense to fix or attempt to fix an athletic contest and three more bills (SBs 442, 443 and 444) to effect congressional redistricting. All three would place U. S. Congressman Boyd Tackett of Nashville and J. W. Triimble of Berryville in the same district.

Little Rock, March 2 — (AP) — The Arkansas house yesterday voted a two cents a pack increase in the tax on cigarettes. Revenues, estimated at \$2,000,000 annually, would go to public schools.

A similar increase was rejected earlier in this session.

The house defeated two proposals for higher income tax rates.

One (HB447) lacked 18 votes of the necessary three-fourths majority. It would have temporarily raised the income tax to help public schools through a current emergency.

The other (HB448) designed to raise \$2,000,000 more annually by imposing higher rates on incomes above \$25,000 was voted down, 36-27.

The cigarette tax increase (HB411) was favored by 83 house members. Like higher income taxes, it had been proposed by Governor McMath, who two years ago obtained reduction of the cigarette tax from six to four cents.

The cigarette increase was the second of McMath's proposed tax raises to get favorable house action. An increase in liquor and beer taxes also has been approved.

The house also reversed itself in passing two appropriation measures involving the state capitol and the state purchasing agency empowered to buy emergency items under \$1000 without competitive bids.

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"This bill which was introduced yesterday has not been on my desk 24 hours," Norton charged. "The printed copy was put on my desk three minutes ago." Norton refused to let the bill come for a vote until expiration of the 'morning hour.' It cannot be considered until the next morning hour, probably Monday.

State Police Retirement Plan Favored

Little Rock, March 2 — (AP) — The Arkansas house today passed two high priority administration bills but blocked a third.

A measure (HB474) setting up a retirement system for state policemen went through, 75 to 2. And another (HB455) setting up a state personnel office, succeeded, 53 to 18.

The police bill, sponsored by Rep. Carroll Hollensorth of Bradley county, would take five per cent out of police funds plus five per cent from departmental salaries.

Pensioners could not draw more than 50 per cent of their annual pay.

Rep. Jack Clark of Miller county threw a one-man attack on the proposal.

"Other states and cities have state police retirement because under federal social security," said Clark. "You are doing the same thing with your state troopers."

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Administration forces were stymied in their effort to get a quick vote on a bill (HB506) setting up uniform state purchasing methods and a centralized purchasing agency empowered to buy emergency items under \$1000 without competitive bids.

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Railway Pleads Innocent

New Brunswick, N. J., March 2 — (AP) — The Pennsylvania railroad pleaded innocent today to 84 manslaughter indictments growing out of the Woodbridge rail disaster.

Middlesex County Judge Charles M. Morris set April 9 as the tentative date for trial at the request of assistant county prosecutor Alex Eber. No objection was raised by James P. Haney, the railroad counsel who entered the pleas.

The indictments, in the names of each of the commuters who died in the wreck of "The Broker" Feb. 6, were returned by a Middlesex county grand jury Feb. 20.

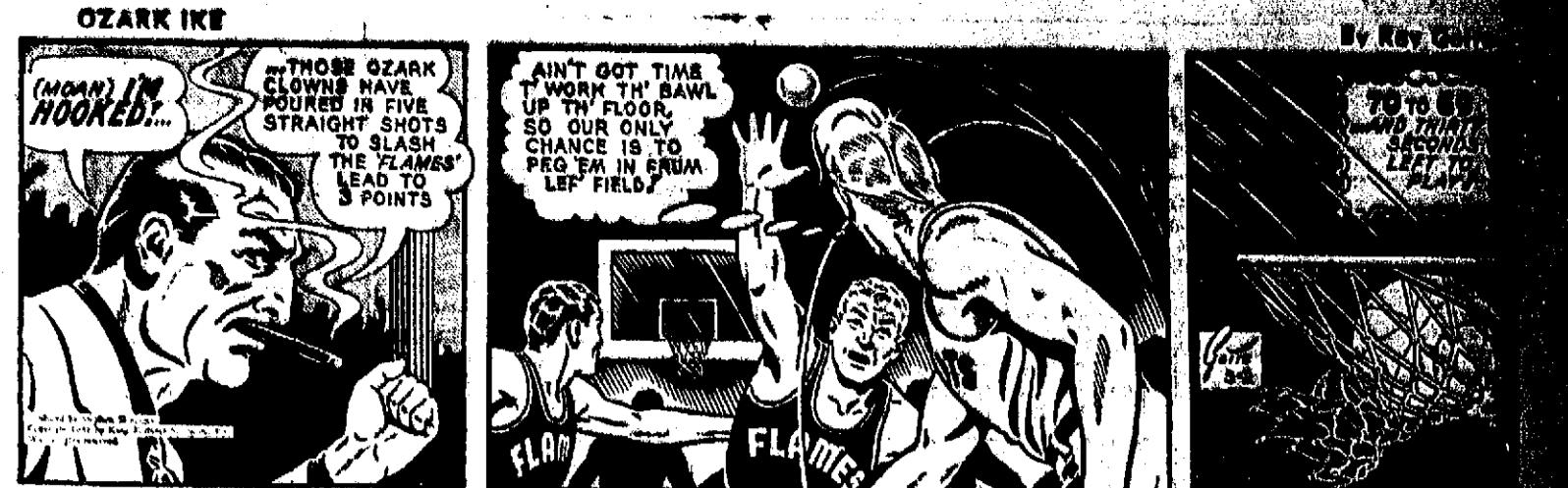
If convicted, the railroad faces a maximum fine of \$84,000 — \$1,000 on each count.

These proposals were approved last night by a joint senate-house committee on constitutional amendments. Customarily, the legislature, which may submit a maximum of three proposals, follows recommitment of the committee.

Under the highway commission proposal, the governor would appoint five commissioners from the state at large to serve staggered 10-year terms.

The suggested salary increases would mean doubling of legislators' present \$1,

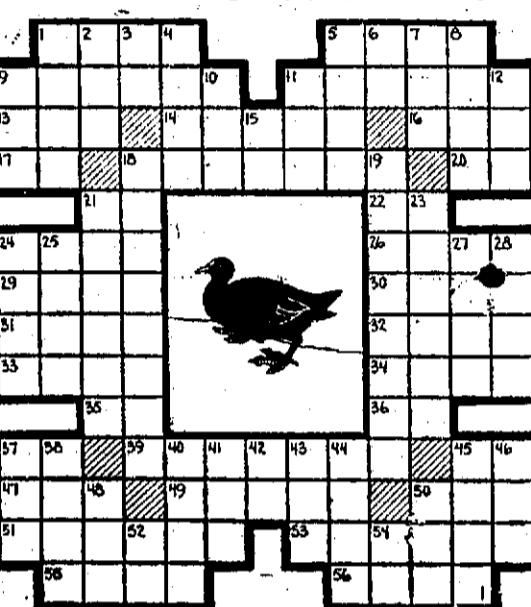
BLONDIE



Ducklike Bird

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HARMONICA	ET ALIATED	COWS
ROW STOLES	GOES	EVEN
PESTLE	EVENS	ONE
ESSES	EVENS	ONE
DEERS	EVENS	ONE
DEER	EVENS	ONE
MART	EVENS	ONE
AC	SADDEST	ONE
REI	NICOTINE	ONE
MATERIALS	PRESNETED	
3 Old English (ab.)	4 Grasp	5 Get up
6 Measure of area	7 Little demon	8 Den
9 Scottish sheepfold	10 Permit	11 April (ab.)
12 Born	13 Native of Latvia	14 Dull and monotonous
15 East Indies (ab.)	16 Pigeon pea	17 And (Latin)
18 Described	19 Astro	20 Anglo-Saxon
21 Most painful	22 Indian	23 Alcoholic
24 Store	25 Heavenly body	26 Conmite
27 Highway (ab.)	28 Liquor	29 Edible rootstock
30 Church part	29 Part of "be"	31 Asseverate
32 Lease	30 Palm lily	33 Pause
34 The dill	31 Possess	35 The drill
35 Symbol for tellurium		36 Size of shot
36 Ambary		37 Ambary
39 Strip of honors		40 Iroquoian
45 Oriental measure		41 Alcoholic
47 Since		42 Highway (ab.)
49 Horseman		43 Air (comb. form)
50 Scion		44 Dull and monotonous
51 City in Ohio		45 Crucifix
53 Allotment		46 Hostelry
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2 Italian goddess of the harvest		50 Part of "be"



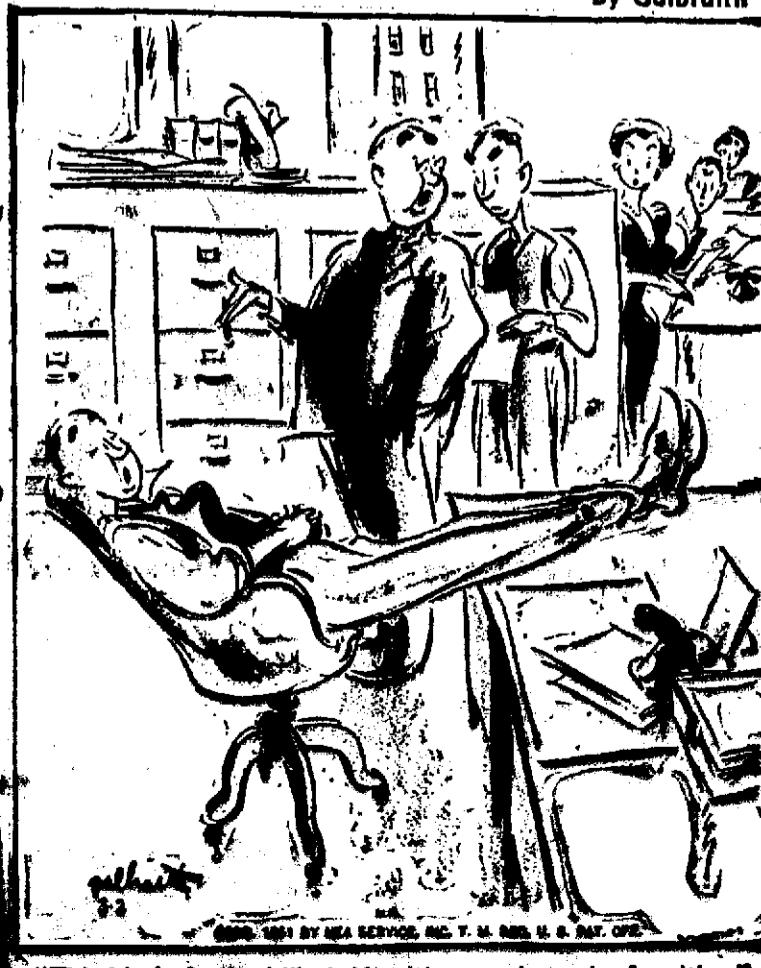
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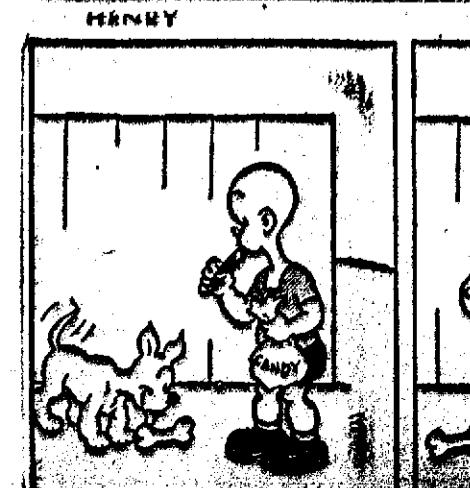
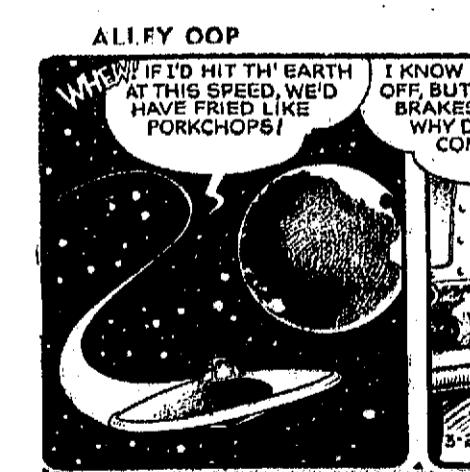
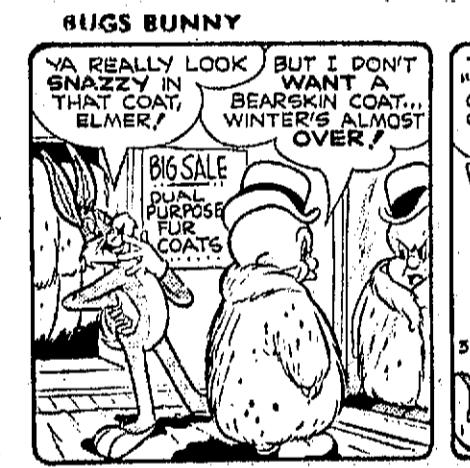
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